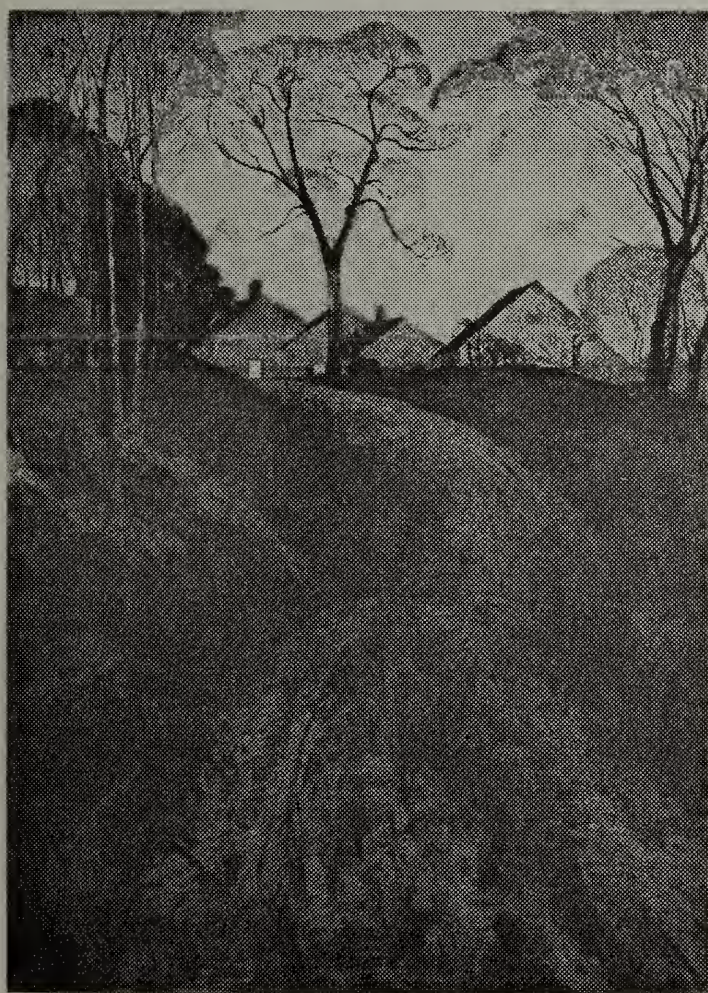


TOWN OF MASON NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town Officers' and School District Officers' ANNUAL REPORT



For The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952
The School District Year Ends June 30, 1952

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For Year Ending December 31,

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The cover shows a familiar Mason scene, both from the standpoint of the season—at this writing—as well as the location, which is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson.

The title is quite self-explanatory, and the scene is one which may well inspire nostalgic sentiments to any New Englander who may have wandered to different climes.

We are grateful to Mr. Anderson for the use of his etching, and to Mr. Francis J. Coyne for his preparation of the cover design.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

CLERK and TREASURER

Dorothy B. Whitaker (Resigned December 31, 1952)

Charles F. H. Crathern

(Appointed to finish unexpired term)

SELECTMEN

Carl V. Valyou

Term expires 1953

Robert R. Trempe

Term expires 1954

Frederick M. Gibbs

Term expires 1955

TAX COLLECTOR

Herman O. Schulze

AUDITOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

HIGHWAY AGENT

Harold C. Miller

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Alice B. Dimock

Harold C. Miller

Guy F. Washburn

BALLOT CLERKS

Lillian Valyou

Mildred Wharff

Vivian Ilimaki

Lillian Leino

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Gertrude F. Houghton	Term expires 1953
Lena B. Miller	Term expires 1954
C. W. Anderson	Term expires 1955

LIBRARIAN

Alice B. Dimock	(Resigned October 1952)
Gertrude Y. Marsh	(Appointed October 1952)

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Charles F. H. Crathern	Term expires 1953
Tracy A. Eaton	Term expires 1954
Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1955

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1953
	Term expires 1954
	Term expires 1955

CHIEF OF POLICE

Carl V. Valyou

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Irving M. Spear	Frederick M. Gibbs
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LOCAL DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Harry S. Sluman

FIRE WARDEN

Carl V. Valyou

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

James Bell

Loren Brown

G. Porter Washburn

Curtis V. Dunn

H. C. Miller

HEALTH OFFICER

Harlan E. Karr, M. D., Greenville, New Hampshire, Tel. 56

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Conray G. Wharff

SEXTON

Conray G. Wharff

TREE WARDEN

Richard J. Lord

T O W N W A R R A N T

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County
of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said Mason on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the follow-
ing subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make
appropriations of the same.
3. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years.
4. To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years.
To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for 1 year.
5. To choose one Library Trustee for 3 years.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise
and appropriate for Library purposes.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise
and appropriate for Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$572.52 for Town Road Aid, in order to obtain State Aid for maintenance, Construction, and re-construction of Class "V" Highways in the amount of \$3,803.45.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of tarring, or oiling town roads, and will designate the area, or areas, to be so treated, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care of Cemeteries.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day purposes.

12. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum, or sums, not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefore, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year from taxes collected within the current year.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lighting.

14. To see if the Town will vote a discount on whole, or partial payments of taxes, and fix the date of payment of same, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure employees of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of Combatting Dutch Elm Disease on the Town Trees.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell Real Estate bought by the Town at Tax Sale, provided they sell it to the last former owner and provided that the sale price is sufficient to reimburse the Town for the taxes and for all expenses to which it has been put, or take any action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell Real Estate owned by the Town at prices which, in their judgment, are fair and equitable, or take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to have any, and all unexpended balances of all previous Appropriations—not including School Appropriation—and all moneys reimbursed, and refunded to the Town during the previous fiscal year returned to the General Fund, or take any action relating thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made of all Town records by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expenses of such audit, or take any action relating thereto.

21. To see if the Town will vote to have the shade trees on Town property sprayed and pruned as a protective measure against Dutch Elm Disease, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$33.00 for the Monadnock Region Association of

Southern New Hampshire, or will take any action relating thereto.

23. To see if the Town will vote to observe, during the month of August 1953 the Anniversary of Old Home Week, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

24. To see what action the voters will take any action relative to relocating the approaches to the Road (known as the Kennedy Road) in the center of the Town, with the view of promoting safer traffic conditions near our school.

25. To see if the Town will vote to take part in the Keene, N. H., Bicentennial Parade, and will raise and appropriate any money therefor.

26. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Collector of Taxes additional compensation for his services in collecting the State Head Tax and to fix the amount thereof.

27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of repairing and re-decorating the Town Hall Stage, or take any action thereto.

28. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers here-to-fore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Note: Since this copy of the Town Warrant is required by the Printer at an earlier date than the legal Town Warrant Posting date, it is not necessarily complete, and so therefore, the Posted Town Warrant may contain additional articles which are not included in this publication.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty three.

CARL V. VALYOU

ROBERT R. TREMPPE

FREDERICK M. GIBBS

Selectmen of Mason.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARL V. VALYOU

ROBERT R. TREMPPE

FREDERICK M. GIBBS

Selectmen of Mason.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$8,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Library furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department equipment	350.00
Highway Department, Equipment,	
Sander \$450.00—Bull Dozer \$5,900.00	6,350.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	500.00
Schools, lands and buildings	8,000.00
Schools, equipment	1,000.00

Land and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:

8 Acres, Hall Land	50.00
20 Acres, Walter Robbins lot	80.00
12 Acres, Henry Barrett lot	50.00
5 Acres, Shattuck lot	20.00
150 Acres, Upton Pasture	600.00
120 Acres, Mitchell Pasture	500.00
15 Acres, Part Farwell Farm	60.00
180 Acres, S. M. Barrett Place	750.00
50 Acres, S. M. Barrett Place	350.00
51 Acres, Craig lot	215.00
15 Acres, Russell Land	60.00
30 Acres, Perley Pierce Lot	120.00
17 Acres, Coburn lot	65.00
54 Acres, Walter Fessenden lot	216.00
11 Acres, Hall lot	44.00
22 Acres, Lucy J. Lawlance lot	100.00
20 Acres, Jeffs lot	80.00
8 Acres, Hill lot	32.00
100 Acres, Undivided half Baldwin lot	400.00

\$29,992.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
WITH ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIA-
JAN. 1, 1952 TO DEC. 31, 1952.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	722.00	1,371.64	1,371.64
Railroad Tax	185.36	187.55	187.55
Savings Bank Tax	143.96	116.86	116.86
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	59.43	59.43	59.43
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,421.07	1,858.91	2,726.10
For Fighting Forest Fires		95.81	72.88
Reimbursement Abated Yield Tax		56.74	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	147.00	129.00	129.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	75.00	111.00	75.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	67.32		
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	100.00	102.50	100.00
(b) Sale of Town Map		1.00	
Sale of Town Reports		4.50	
Filing Fees		2.50	
Jewett Est. a/c 1951 plane crash		130.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	949.00	1,301.14	1,000.00
Reim. Porcupine Bounties			10.25
Private Graveling		34.10	

OF MASON, N. H.

ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1953 TO DEC. 31, 1953, COMPARED
TIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1952	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1952	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1953
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,500.00	1,470.50	1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	735.04	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00	332.40	50.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	600.00	449.58	600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:			
Police Department	100.00	110.75	100.00
Fire Department	150.00	238.80	150.00
Insurance (Workmen's)	250.00	249.53	250.00
Combating Dutch Elm Disease	300.00	141.70	150.00
HEALTH:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	14.00	3.70	10.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal *Including 1951 Appropriation	75.00	* 150.00	75.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00	2,099.75	2,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	2,176.25	2,000.00
Street Lighting	126.00	126.00	126.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00	449.27	500.00
Town Road Aid	592.00	592.00	572.52
LIBRARIES:			
(*Including 1951 Appropriation)	175.00	* 325.00	175.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			

Spraying Private Trees	30.00		
Perpetual Care Cemeteries	200.00		
Worcester Polytechnic Institute for Boynton Memorial	3.00		3.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Donation to Fire Department	13.00		
Reimbursement Greenville a/c			
Overpayment Town Dump	75.00		
Recovery Old Age Assistance			
B. Newell Estate	97.77		
Town Dump (1951 Approp.)	75.00		
Libraries (carried to 1952 Acct.)	150.00		
Cash Surplus	3,000.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than			
Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	254.00	342.00	276.00
Head Tax Coll. Fees	3.72		
Yield Tax		867.19	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL			
SOURCES EXCEPT			
PROPERTY TAXES	8,127.86	8,782.98	8,227.71
AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP.			
TAXES			19,576.27
TOTAL REVENUES			27,803.98

Town Poor	150.00	5.80	150.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	349.54	400.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	16.75	75.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	500.00		500.00
RECREATION:			
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	150.00	85.50	150.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	235.00	226.75	200.00
UNCLASSIFIED:			
Dog Licenses		8.47	
Advertising and Regional Associations	31.00	31.00	33.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	55.00		55.00
INTEREST:			
On Temporary Loans	100.00	43.33	100.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	51.80	51.80	31.80
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Town Construction (Oiling Town Roads)			1,000.00
New Equipment Trailer for Bull Dozer	200.00	130.00	
PAYMENT ON PRINCIPAL OF DEBT:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERN- MENTAL DIVISIONS:			
County Taxes	2,186.39	2,186.39	2,186.39
School Taxes	12,760.86	12,760.86	12,816.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,352.05	26,596.46	27,803.98

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES*

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

Title of Appropriations	Receipts & Total			Expenditures		Over-
	Appropriation	Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,470.50	\$ 29.50	
Town Officers Expenses	700.00		700.00	735.04		\$ 35.04
Election and Registration	250.00		250.00	332.40		82.40
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00		600.00	449.58	150.42	
Police Department	100.00	a) \$130.00	230.00	110.75	119.25	
Fire Department	150.00	b) 35.93	185.93	238.80		52.87
Town Dump	75.00	c) 75.00	150.00	150.00		
Vital Statistics	14.00		14.00	3.70	10.30	
Workmen's Insurance	250.00		250.00	249.53	.47	
Combating Dutch Elm Disease	300.00	d) 30.00	330.00	141.70	188.30	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Street Lighting	126.00		126.00	126.00		
Town Road Maintenance:						
Summer	2,000.00	e) 2,168.20	4,168.20	4,267.95		99.75
Winter	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,176.25		176.25
General Expense of Highway Dept.	500.00		500.00	449.27	50.73	
Town Road Aid	592.00		592.00	592.00		
Libraries	175.00	f) 150.00	325.00	325.00		
Town Poor	150.00		150.00	5.80	144.20	
Old Age Assistance	500.00	g) 97.77	597.77	349.54	248.23	
Memorial Day	50.00	h) 3.00	53.00	19.75	33.25	

Aid to Soldiers and their families	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00	150.00	85.50	64.50
Cemeteries	235.00	235.00	226.75	8.25
Advertising Monadnock Regional Assn.	31.00	31.00	31.00	
Employees Re. Act (Soc. Sec.)	55.00	55.00		55.00
Interest	151.80	151.80	95.13	56.67
Trailer for Town Bull Dozer	200.00	200.00	130.00	70.00
Payment on Principal of Debt	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
County Tax	2,186.39	2,186.39	2,186.39	
	<u>\$14,591.19</u>	<u>2,689.90</u>	<u>17,281.09</u>	<u>1,729.07</u>
			15,998.33	446.31

*Does not include School Appropriation

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- a) Reimbursement Jewett Estate Acct. Plane Crash
 - b) Reimbursement State Acct. Forest Fires
 - c) & f) 1951 Appropriation unexpended
 - g) Recovery Old Age Assistance
 - d) Reimbursement Acct. Spraying Private Trees
 - e) Class "V" State Aid
 - h) Received Worcester Polytechnic Inst. for Boynton Memorial

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings	\$303,220.00
(exclusive of growing wood & timber)	
2 Electric Plants	32,261.00
10 Horses, Asses and Mules	1,200.00
53 Cows	7,225.00
4 Sheep and Goats	40.00
4,383 Fowls	5,266.00
7 Portable Mills	8,200.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	400.00
10 Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,000.00
Stock in Trade	4,250.00
Mills and Machinery	100.00
Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed	\$363,162.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and exemp- tions to blind	25,618.00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$337,544.00
N. B. Number of inventories distributed	271
Number of inventories returned	134
Number of veterans who received property exemption	27
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	35

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Social Security or Retirement	55.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	600.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Dutch Elm Disease	300.00
Health Department	50.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	75.00
Vital Statistics	14.00
Town Road Aid	592.00

Town Maintenance:		
Summer	2,000.00	
Winter	2,000.00	
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00	
Insurance	250.00	
Street Lighting	126.00	
New Equipment	200.00	
Libraries	175.00	
Old Age Assistance	500.00	
Public Relief:		
Town Poor	150.00	
Soldiers' Aid	500.00	
Memorial Day and Veterans Associations	50.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00	
Cemeteries	235.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	31.00	
Payments on Debt:		
Principal	1,000.00	
Interest	151.80	
County Tax	2,186.39	
School Tax	12,760.86	
Total Town and School Appropriations		\$27,352.05

Less: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,363.11
Railroad Tax	185.36
Savings Bank Tax	143.96
Reimbursement a/c State and	
Federal Lands	59.43
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	2,726.10
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	949.00
Dog Licenses	147.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	175.00
Interest on Taxes and Income	
from Trust Funds	67.32
Cash Surplus	1,350.00

Reimbursement a/c Bounties on Porcupines	9.50	
Total Revenues and Credits		7,175.78
		20,176.27
Plus Overlay		126.33
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		20,302.60
Less: 160 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		320.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured.		\$19,982.60
Tax Rate approved by Tax Commission \$5.92 per \$100.00 of Valuation.		

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN
OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952**

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 9, 1953

CARL V. VALYOU,
ROBERT R. TREMPE,
FREDERICK M. GIBBS,
Selectmen.

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$7,473.27
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Reimbursement a/c Forest Fires	72.88
Porcupine Bounties 1951, \$9.50—1952, .75	10.25
Rent of Town Bull Dozer	52.50
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1951	102.23

Levy of 1950	8.24
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	2,967.28
Levy of 1951 (Polls)	4.00
Levy of 1950 (Polls)	4.00
Previous Years—1949 (Polls)	4.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952	155.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	10.00
Total Assets	\$10,761.15
Net Surplus, December 31, 1951	1,387.19
Net Surplus, December 31, 1952	1,625.29
Increase of Surplus	238.10

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to State	
State Head Taxes 1952 (Uncollected	155.00
Due to School Districts: Balance of Approp.	7,390.86
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Tractor Note—1948	1,590.00
Total Liabilities	9,135.86
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	1,625.29
	\$10,761.15

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — 1952	\$16,705.45
Poll Taxes @ \$2 — 1952	276.00
Yield Taxes — 1952	867.19
State Head Taxes @ \$5 — 1952	830.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$18,678.64
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Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	2,295.44
Poll Taxes@ \$2 — Previous Years	28.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 — 1951	125.00
Interest received on Taxes	115.66
Penalties on State Head Taxes	16.00
Tax sales redeemed	264.76

From State:

For Class V. Highway maintenance	2,168.20
Interest and dividend tax	1,371.64
Railroad Tax	187.55
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	116.86
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	59.43
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	
1951—\$2,421.07	
1952— 1,858.91	4,279.98
Fighting forest fires	22.93
Reimbursement a/c Abatement Yield Tax	56.74
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance B. Newell	97.77

Dog licenses	129.00
Rent of Town Property	
Town Hall	111.00
Bull Dozer	55.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1951	19.29
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952	1,281.85

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	5,500.00
Gifts, Worc. Pol. Inst.	3.00
Donation Fire Dept.	13.00
Sale of Town Property	
Town Reports	4.50
Town Maps	1.00
Filing Fees	2.50
Reim. a/c Policing Jewett	
Plane Crash (1951)	130.00
Reim. a/c Graveling Private Road	34.10
Reim. a/c Treating Private Trees (Dutch Elm Disease)	30.00
Reim. a/c Overpayment Greenville	
Town Dump	75.00
Perpetual Care—Maxwell Cemetery lot	200.00

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	5,993.10
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Total Receipts from All Sources	37,473.84
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Cash on hand January 1, 1952	7,473.27
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Grand Total	\$44,947.11
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PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' salaries	\$1,470.50
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Town Officers' expenses	735.04
Election and registration expenses	332.40
Municipal Fees	118.30
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	449.58
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	110.75
Fire Department, including forest fires	238.80
Combating Dutch Elm Disease	141.70
Bounties	.75
Dog License Expenses	8.47
Insurance (Workmen's)	249.53
Health:	
Health dept., including hospitals	50.00
Vital Statistics	3.70
Town dumps and garbage removal (Overpayment \$75.00 refunded) *	225.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	592.00
Town Maintenance	
Summer	4,267.95
Winter	2,176.25
	6,444.20
Street Lighting	126.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	449.27
Libraries:	
Libraries *Also includes 1951 appro. *	325.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	349.54
Town Poor	5.80
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and	

Veterans' Associations	16.75	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	85.50	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	226.75	
Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Associations	31.00	
Taxes bought by town	301.26	
Operating Rented Bull Dozer	18.00	
Head Tax	5.00	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		355.26
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	43.33	
Paid on long term notes	51.80	
Total Interest Payments		95.13
Outlay for New Construction:		
Graveling Private Road	34.10	
New equipment, Highway—Trailer	130.00	
Total Outlay Payments		164.10
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	5,500.00	
Payments on long term notes	1,000.00	
Timber Tax Bonds Returned	95.00	

Payments to trustees of trust funds		
(New Funds) Cemeteries	400.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		6,955.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid to State		
Treasurer 1951	889.35	
1952 Taxes	811.93	1,701.28
Taxes paid to County		2,186.39
Overpayment Fed. Inc. Tax		
Withholding		5.90
Payments to School Districts		
1951 Tax	7,249.85	
1952 Tax	\$5,370.00	12,619.85
Total Payments to Other		
Governmental Divisions		16,513.42
Total Payments for all Purposes		36,878.24
Cash on hand December 31, 1952		8,068.87
Grand Total		\$44,947.11

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Showing Annual Maturities of
Outstanding Long Term Notes:
Tractor, Serial Notes 1958 @ 2%
Original Amount \$6,590.00

MATURITIES	
1953	\$1,000.00
1954	590.00
Total	\$1,590.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits:

1951 Auto Permits	19.29	
1952 Auto Permits	1,281.85	
		1,301.14

Dog Taxes:

Number Taxes submitted for Collection	66	
Number Taxes Collected	54	129.00
Filing Fees		2.50
Town Reports		2.50
Paid to Town Treasurer		1,435.14

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER,

Town Clerk.

TESTIMONIAL OF MERIT

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, New Hampshire

Bureau of
Government Research

September 27, 1952

Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mason
New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that we tell you that Mason was awarded third place in its class at the 1952 New Hampshire Municipal Report Contest held in Concord, yesterday, September 26.

The judges for the contest were Mr. Harold G. Fowler, Director of the Municipal Accounting Division, State Tax Commission, Mr. Richard Marden of the New Hampshire Federation of Taxpayers Association and Miss Mildred P. McKay, Librarian, New Hampshire State Library.

We would appreciate receiving three additional copies of your 1951 town report so that we may enter it in the New England contest, sponsored by the New England Council. Since the New England Council has asked us to forward our entries as near to October 1 as possible, it would be appreciated if you could send us the three copies of your 1951 report at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE H. DEMING

Executive Secretary

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

At the close of this year, realizing that her duties at Home and Shop could no longer permit her the time necessitated to conscientiously perform the duties of those Offices, we regretfully accepted the resignation of our Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy B. Whitaker.

At her chosen duties we wish her the success she rightfully deserves. Her co-operation and able assistance during her tenure of office is hereby gratefully acknowledged and sincerely appreciated. Good Luck "Dorothy."

We were most fortunate to have Mr. Charles F. H. Crathern accept the position for the remainder of the term. We wish Mr. Crathern success in his office, and consider ourselves fortunate to have a person of his ability as Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Our Town Hall:—

Our little "Ell" is still with us.

This year we have gone to considerable expense to have our Hall ceiling made more secure, and painted. The building foundation pointed up, and we renewed the stove-piping. We tried out a circulating (oil) heater in the Selectmen's Room, but it did not prove satisfactory, so we replaced our old wood-burner.

As it must to all mortals and machines, at the close of the year our Burroughs Adding Machine (Lie Detector) developed internal complications which were deemed economically unwise to try to remedy. So it was necessary—

in order to perform the computations required to close our Town records accurately—to obtain another. This new Burroughs was not billed to us in time to be covered by this year's reports, but will be accounted for in our next.

About Assessing:—

We have obtained from the State Tax Commission some file cards to be used in connection with our Property Valuations, which are to be of tremendous help in evaluating all land and buildings in our Town. If we are given the proper co-operation in filling out these cards at the time of assessing, we can arrive at a more comprehensive valuation of all properties to be taxed.

There are still too great a number of people who refuse to co-operate with us in returning their inventory forms properly filled out, or even returning them. This handicap cannot be lightly overlooked. The law pertaining to this matter is clearly defined on the back cover of this form.

About Our Town Roads:—

Our Highway Agent is using every economical means within his power to ameliorate the condition of our roads.

It is everyone's wish to someday see all our roads in good comfortably traveling condition the year round. With that object in mind, a petition was circulated last spring—after Town Meeting—suggesting that a portion of our T. R. A. Fund be used to surface a portion of our roads with Black Top. It was not an unreasonable suggestion.

However, the State Highway Officials—who were present at a hearing called to review the petition—acquainted

us with a ruling of the State Highway Department that “no portion of T. R. A. Funds may be used for “black top” until ALL our Town Roads have been reconstructed to comply with State Highway Department specifications.

They reasoned that it was unfair to provide one section of the Town with black top roads, while another section of the Town is still laboring under seasonal “mud” conditions. However, they also informed us that there was no law that prevented us from doing this sort of construction with locally appropriated funds.

To promote further consideration and discussion of this matter, we have inserted an article in our Town Warrant requesting money for such a purpose. We have close to 40 miles of “dirt” roads.

You will note that another article on the subject of Roads is inserted in the Warrant. Due to the lack of proper outdoor recreation facilities for our school children,—and there are about fifty children involved—they must use our Town Common for that purpose.

At the intersection where the road from Mrs. Hartwell meets the Kennedy Road, the children must ever be on the alert for traffic coming from three directions. This subject we present for your consideration and discussion.

About Town:—

Early in October a Committee of five members of the Monadnock Region Association, and one member of the State Forestry and Recreation Commission conducted a survey of the State Parks and Wayside Areas within our region, with the view of suggesting to the Commission, possible improvements to existing Areas, and possible de-

velopment of new Areas that are State owned.

Among the areas visited was our Pratt Pond site, which is a part of the Russell-Abbot State Forest Reservation.

Early in November at a Joint Meeting of the State Forestry and Recreation Commission and the Monadnock Region Association Board of Controls the Committee suggested to the Commission certain "clean-up" proposals for making Pratt Pond and the surrounding area suitable for local recreational purposes.

The Commission informed us that they had no funds available for any large or small scale development of that area. However they did approve of modest developments of the Pratt Pond site, and would include that item in their budget to the next session of Congress.

They suggested that—in the mean time—local groups of Mason, Greenville and Wilton could conduct a "clean-up" campaign in that area. Later, they propose installing picnic tables; fire-places; drinking water, and assured us that something will be done to make the water in Pratt Pond more suitable for bathing purposes.

Miscellany:—

We wish to extend our thanks to All the Officers and Committees for their co-operation in presenting us their material for the preparation of this Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL V. VALYOU

ROBERT R. TREMPER

FREDERICK M. GIBBS

Selectmen of Mason.

VITAL STATISTICS

January 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953

BIRTHS

Feb. 11 Ann Marie Graham; James R. Graham,
Helen E. Wiik
Apr. 2 Jeannette Marie Bergeron; Fernand Bergeron,
Lorraine Marie Leger
June 5 Karen Marie Dame; Edward William Dame,
Ruth Mildred Brow
June 30 Michael Lee Washburn; Porter Washburn,
Laila Suominen
July 1 Steven Walfrid Murto; Oiva Walfrid Murto,
Helvi L. Lehtonon

MARRIAGES

Nov. 28 Erlon Lancey and Muriel O. Stailing
by Rev. Edward A. Rebmann, Clergyman,
Dec. 20 James Earl Sloan and Jean Whitney Barnes
by Rev. Edward A. Rebmann, Clergyman,

DEATHS

NONE

Report of Tax Collector

PROPERTY; YIELD & POLL TAXES: LEVY of 1952

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property Taxes \$19,883.71

Poll Taxes 342.00

Total Warrant \$20,225.71

Yield Taxes 867.19

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes 39.17

Poll Taxes 10.00

Interest Collected 1.54

Total Debits \$21,143.61

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property Taxes \$16,705.45

Poll Taxes 276.00

Yield Taxes 867.19

Interest Collected 1.54

Discounts Allowed 182.86

Abatements:

Property Taxes 121.29

Poll Taxes 22.00

Uncollected Taxes, as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes 2,913.28

Poll Taxes	54.00
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Total Credits	\$21,143.61
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TIMBER (YIELD) TAXES: (Levy of 1952)

Taxes committed to Collector:	867.19
Remitted to Treasurer	867.19

STATE HEAD TAXES: (Levy of 1952)

Taxes committed to Collector (Dr.)	
Original Warrant	\$1,035.00
Penalties	3.50
Total committed to Collector	1,038.50

Taxes remitted to Treasurer: (Cr.)

Head Taxes Collected	830.00
Penalties Collected	3.50

Total remitted to Treasurer:	833.50
Abatements	50.00
Uncollected Head Taxes	155.00

Total Credits	\$ 1,038.50
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**UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 1952**

Residents

C. W. Anderson	\$ 96.20*
C. W. & Madelaine Anderson, Jtly.	140.66*
James Bell	49.20
Evelyn & Franklin Boyle, Jtly.	43.81
Edward & Nelly Doucette, Jtly.	47.36
Orvan Elliott	35.22
James Gibbons	14.00

Frederick & Iona Gibbs, Jtly.	71.04
James Graham	44.40
Ralph & Elsie Haley, Jtly.	76.96
Eino Helstein	196.13
Sven & Lempi Johnson, Jtly.	88.80
George O. & George A. Lord, Jtly.	67.02
Vito Palumbo	25.16
Ferne Rines	69.86
Irving Spear	54.46
Theodore & Violet Smith, Jtly.	35.52
Douglas Stuart	20.72
Harry & Ula Williams, Jtly.	106.56
Rhea J. Williams	248.11
Guy F. Washburn	126.69
Oiva Murto	196.40*
Charles Ruckstuhl	5.92*
Total	\$ 1,860.20

Non-Residents

Alice Morgan Baxter	\$ 65.12
Frances Boucher	9.47
Clark Lumber Company	4.32
L. W. Clement, Heirs	16.58
Stephen Coffey	8.05
Arthur B. Davis	38.48
Fessenden Company, Inc	475.85
Edw. Farnsworth, Heirs.	4.74
Arthur Flitner	2.37
Clifford L. Gladu	3.55
Marjorie Godfrey	71.04
Ralph Hayward	5.21*
Josephine Hayward	4.74*
Hartwell Heirs	4.74
Florence Hartwell	71.04
Frederick Johnson	9.09

Charles King	14.21
Lewis Murphy	14.80
Harold J. Morse	4.50
George Nichols	4.73
Henry Recine	4.26
Luther Richardson	.59
Paul Richenburg	16.10
Fred Ramsey	15.63
John Somoro	1.42*
John Swen	48.07
Patrick Tighe, Heirs	65.12
J. P. Thompson, Heirs	2.60
Isadore Valenti	29.60
Gertrude Wilson	9.24*
Charles Wright	14.80
Grace Wright	13.02
Total	\$ 1,053.08
Total Uncollected Property Taxes	\$ 2,913.28

* Paid since January 1, 1953

UNCOLLECTED POLL TAXES LEVY OF 1952

Edward Doucette	\$ 2.00	Ferne Rines	\$ 2.00
Nellie Doucette	2.00	Muriel Rucksthul	2.00*
May Graham	2.00	Charles Rucksthul Jr.	2.00*
Frederick M. Gibbs	2.00	Kestor Surdam	2.00
Iona Gibbs	2.00	Barbara Surdam	2.00
Helen Graham	2.00	Vito Palumbo	2.00*
Alice Graham	2.00	Helen Palumbo	2.00*
Ralph Haley	2.00*	Harry Williams	2.00
Eino Helstein	2.00	Ula Williams	2.00
Anna Helstein	2.00	Lloyd Williams	2.00
August Helstein	2.00	Ruth Williams	2.00

George O. Lord	2.00*	Theodore Smith	2.00
Hazel B. Lord	2.00*	Violet Smith	2.00
		Mary Oulton	2.00*
Total uncollected Poll Taxes, levy of 1952			\$54.00

* Paid since January 1, 1953

LEVY OF 1951

Kestor Surdam	\$ 2.00	Barbara Surdam	\$ 2.00
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LEVY OF 1950

Kestor Surdam	\$ 2.00	Barbara Surdam	\$ 2.00
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LEVY OF 1949

Kestor Surdam	\$ 2.00	Barbara Surdam	\$ 2.00
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POLL TAXES ABATED: (LEVY OF 1952)

Anna Leino	\$ 2.00‡	Mrs. R. Rollins	2.00*
M. Pajari	2.00*	Mabel Bell	2.00*
Roy M. Whittier	2.00*	John Small	2.00*
James Griffin	2.00*	Ellen Small	2.00*
Mrs. J. Griffin	2.00*	P. Beauregard	2.00*
Robert Rollins	2.00*		

‡ Over-aged

* Moved away

UNCOLLECTED STATE HEAD TAXES

(Plus 50c Penalty due after December 31, 1952)

LEVY OF 1952

Edward Doucette	\$ 5.00	Hazel Lord	\$ 5.00*
Nellie Doucette	5.00	Ernest Marsh	5.00
James Graham	5.00	Gertrude Marsh	5.00
Helen Graham	5.00	Ruth Palumbo	5.00*

May Graham	5.00	Vito Palumbo	5.00*
Alice Graham	5.00	Ferne Rines	5.00
Alex Godfrey	5.00	Charles Rucksthul	5.00*
Frederick M. Gibbs	5.00	Muriel Rucksthul	5.00*
Iona Gibbs	5.00	Theodore Smith	5.00
Ralph Haley	5.00*	Violet Smith	5.00
Elsie Haley	5.00*	Kestor Surdam	5.00
Eino Helstein	5.00	Barbara Surdam	5.00
Anna Helstein	5.00	Lloyd Williams	5.00
August Helstein	5.00	Ruth Williams	5.00
George O. Lord	5.00*	Mary Oulton	5.00*
		Earl Oulton	5.00*
Total uncollected State Head Taxes, Levy of 1952			\$155.00

LEVY OF 1951

(Due to Town Treasury)

Kestor Surdam	\$ 5.00	Barbara Surdam	\$ 5.00
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HEAD TAXES UNCOLLECTED AS OF JANUARY 1st, 1952

LEVY OF 1951

Original Warrant	\$ 140.00
Added Taxes	10.00
Penalties	12.50

Total	\$ 162.50
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Remitted to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	115.00
Added Taxes	10.00
Penalties	12.50

Total remitted to Treasurer	\$ 137.50
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Abatements	15.00
Uncollected (Listed above)	10.00

Total	<u> </u>	\$ 162.50
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UNCOLLECTED YIELD TAXES AS OF
JANUARY 1st, 1952

LEVY OF 1951

Original Warrant	53.44
Interest	1.68
Costs	.75

Total	<u> </u>	\$ 55.87
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Remitted to Treasurer:

Taxes collected	42.10
Interest	1.68
Costs	.75

Total remitted to Treasurer	\$ 44.53
Refund (Over-taxed)	11.34

Total	<u> </u>	\$ 55.87
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF JANUARY 1st, 1952
LEVY OF 1951

Property Taxes	\$2,253.34
Poll Taxes	32.00
Costs and Interest	109.23

Total	<u> </u>	\$ 2,394.57
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Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,025.80
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Poll Taxes	26.00
Interest	58.20
Costs	9.85

Tax Sale to Town:

Property Taxes	227.54
Interest	10.83
Costs	30.35

Total remitted to Treasurer	\$ 2,388.57
Poll Taxes abated	2.00
Poll Taxes uncollected	4.00*

Total	\$ 2,394.57
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TAX SALES REDEEMED

Levy of 1950	Property	Interest	Fee	Total
Paul Richenburg	\$ 19.14	.65	.25	\$ 20.04
Charles Abbot	37.65	2.16	.25	40.06
Charles Abbot	22.65	1.31	.25	24.21
Patrick Tighe Heirs	65.94	5.28	.25	71.47
	Poll	Interest	Cost	Total
Poll Tax Collected	\$ 2.00	.21	2.25	4.46

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALE

Levy of 1951	Property	Cost	Interest
J. B. P. C. Hill Heirs	\$ 11.40	3.80	.52
J. B. P. C. Hill Heirs	4.56	1.25	.24
J. B. P. C. Hill Heirs	1.82	1.25	.09
Houghton Priest	6.84	3.80	.34
G. Porter Washburn	7.98	3.80	.38
Nellie Blanch	5.70	3.80	.28
Edwin Farnsworth Heirs	4.56	3.80	.24
Patrick Tighe Heirs	62.70	3.80	2.98

Guy F. Washburn	119.70	3.80	5.66
Guy F. Washburn	2.28	1.25	.10
	\$227.54	30.35	10.83

Total Unredeemed Taxes bought by Town \$268.72

TAX SALES REDEEMED AFTER TAX SALE

Levy of 1951	Property	Interest	Fee	Total
Guy F. Washburn	\$ 3.63	.09	.25	3.97
	102.83	2.18		105.01*
				\$108.98

*Partial Payment—Balance unpaid \$24.15

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1952

\$ 7,473.27

RECEIPTS FOR 1952

Town Clerk:

Auto Permits	1,301.14	
Dog Taxes	129.00	
Filing Fees	2.50	
Town Reports	2.50	
		1,435.14

Selectmen:

Rent of Town House	111.00	
Town Reports	2.00	
D. M. Jewett, Inc.	130.00	
Graveling Road	34.10	
Spraying Trees	30.00	
Perpetual Care Cemetery Lot— Maxwell	200.00	
Bulldozer Rental	55.00	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	3.00	
Town Map	1.00	
Donation to Fire Department	13.00	
Reimbursement from Town Greenville	75.00	
		654.10
Temporary Loans		\$5,500.00

State of New Hampshire:

Loss of Taxes on Public Forest Lands	59.43
1951 Timber Tax Reimbursement	2,421.07

1952 Timber Tax Reimbursement	1,858.91	
Recovery Old Age Assistance—		
Newell	97.77	
Forest Fire Reimbursements	22.93	
Class V Roads	2,168.20	
Interest & Dividend Tax	1,371.64	
Savings Bank Tax	116.86	
Railroad Tax	187.55	
Reimbursement for Abatement		
Yield Tax	56.74	
		8,361.10

Tax Collector:

1950 Taxes	4.46	
1951 Taxes	2,391.00	
1952 Taxes	16,982.99	
1951 Timber Tax	50.96	
1952 Timber Tax	858.33	
1951 Head Tax	137.50	
1952 Head Tax	833.50	
Tax Sales Redeemed	264.76	
		21,523.50

Total Receipts during 1952	37,473.84
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Total Receipts plus cash on Hand	44,947.11
Payments, Selectmen's Orders	36,878.24

Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	8,068.87
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Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER,

Town Treasurer.

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Carl V. Valyou, Selectman		
264 hours @ \$1.10	290.40	
Robert R. Trempe, Selectman		
305 hours @ \$1.10	335.50	
Frederick M. Gibbs, Selectman		
365 hours @ \$1.10	401.50	
Dorothy B. Whitaker		
Clerk and Treasurer	200.00	
Herman O. Schulze		
Tax Collector (1951)	200.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Treasurer		
Trustees of Trust Funds	20.00	
Toivo Kivimaki		
Town Auditor	23.10	
		\$ 1,470.50

Town Officers' Expenses

Carl V. Valyou		
Mileage	18.00	
Telephone	15.85	
Assessor's Meeting	2.00	
Perambulating	2.20	
Postage	.30	
		38.35
Robert R. Trempe		
Telephone	6.15	
Stationery	.55	
Postage	.81	
Registered Mail	.40	
Assessor's Meeting	2.00	
		9.91

Frederick M. Gibbs

Mileage	11.90	
Printing	17.30	
Stamps	5.00	
Assessor's Meeting	1.90	
Perambulating	4.40	
		40.50

Dorothy B. Whitaker

Stamps	9.00	
Treasurer's Forms	1.75	
		10.75

Toivo Kivimaki

Mileage	1.00	
Stamps	1.20	
Auditor	8.80	
		11.00

Herman O. Schulze

Assessor's Meeting	11.80	
Tax Collector's meeting	20.48	
Stamps	12.00	
Registered mail	4.00	
Small Claims Court	1.95	
Telephone	.15	
Ink	.25	
		50.63

Donat Corriveau

Registering deeds and mortgages	10.94	
Adv. Tax Sale and Fees	7.00	
		17.94

T. A. Eaton Agency

Town Officer's Bonds	67.76	
		67.76

Times-Free Press

1951 Town Reports	402.00	
1952 Town Ballots	12.50	
Stationery	7.00	
		421.50

Brown and Saltmarsh Co.

Stationery	2.50	
Treasurer's Reports	1.25	
Tax Collector Cash Sheets	1.20	
Tax Notice Cards	.75	
Postage	.45	
		6.15

Sargent Brothers

Printing Tax Bills	12.10	
		12.10

Edson C. Eastman Co.

Tax Collector Warrant book	4.75	
Stationery supplies	9.60	
Postage	.50	
		14.85

State Tax Commission

Property Record Cards	6.00	
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N. H. Tax Collector's Association

1952 Dues	3.00	
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N. H. Town Clerk's Association

1952 Dues	2.00	
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U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	7.00	
Mason Village Savings Bank		
Safe Deposit Vault	3.60	
Greenville Postmaster (stamps)	10.00	
N. H. Assessor's Association		
1952 Dues	2.00	
		33.60

Election and Registration

Alice Dimock, Supervisor	48.20	
Harold Miller, Supervisor	36.30	
Guy Washburn, Supervisor	36.20	
Adelphia Washburn, Ballot Clerk	32.50	
Lillian Valyou, Ballot Clerk	29.20	
Mildred Wharff, Ballot Clerk	29.20	
Lillian Leino, Ballot Clerk	8.00	
Vivian Ilomaki, Ballot Clerk	8.00	
Toivo Kivimaki, Moderator	17.60	
Carl Valyou, Selectman	27.70	
Robert R. Trempe, Selectman	8.60	
Frederick M. Gibbs, Selectman	27.70	
Dorothy B. Whitaker, Town Clerk	23.20	
		332.40

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Greenville Electric Light Co.	58.32
T. A. Eaton, Fire Insurance	75.00
Dwight Hall, Painting	120.00
Derby & Little, Supplies	11.13
William Doonan, firewood	19.00
Frederick K. Whitney, firewood	10.50
Rhea Williams, bulb	.25
Guy Washburn, repairs to garage	4.00
Railing for voting area	15.00
Carl Valyou, splitting and	

storing wood	6.80	
C. Dunn, sawing wood	5.00	
Carl Valyou, insulating water line	2.20	
Range oil	.35	
F. M. Gibbs, janitor work	6.50	
C. G. Wharff, janitor	60.00	
R. Akerman, cement and labor	8.00	
Insulating water line	2.00	
C. L. Haskell, fireproofing curtains	35.00	
Service Electric Co., Insulating	10.33	
		449.58

Police Dept.

Carl Valyou		
Salary	25.00	
Police duty	35.00	
Telephone	19.75	
N. H. Police Chiefs Ass'n Dues	1.00	
F. M. Gibbs, police duty	9.00	
A. Spear, police duty	8.00	
I. Spear, police duty	8.00	
Fred E. French police trans.	5.00	
		110.75

Dutch Elm Disease

F. A. Bartlett Tree Service	110.00	
Richard Lord (pruning)	19.60	
Carl Valyou (labor)	12.10	
		141.70

Bounties

Carl Valyou, 3 porcupines	.75	
		.75

Dog License Expenses

Wheeler and Clark, dog tags	5.00
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License book	3.25	
Postage	.22	
Town Clerk, fees	10.80	
		19.27

Health Dept.

Dr. Karr, Chairman Board of Health	50.00	
		50.00

Vital Statistics

Recording	3.70	
		3.70

Town Road Aid

TRA	592.00	
		592.00

Summer Roads

Summer roads	4,267.95	
		4,267.95

Winter Roads

Winter roads	2,176.25	
		2,176.25

Street Lighting

Greenville Electric Light Co.	126.00	
		126.00

General Expense of Highway

Laitala's Garage		
Repairs to snow plow	73.10	
Repairs to road rake	10.72	

Trailer (special app.)	48.11	
Greenville Auto Service		
Anti-freeze	2.00	
Toivo Kivimaki		
Repairs to tractor	8.00	
Repairs to snow plow	5.00	
Carl Valyou		
Repairs to tractor	14.40	
Gas tanks (2)	8.40	
Gas and oil for tractor	6.31	
Souhegan Wrecking Co.		
1 Mack frame (trailer app.)	20.00	
Roy Elliott		
Trailer wheel and axle		
(trailer app.)	50.00	
Derby & Little		
Shovels (3)	9.30	
Fred G. Huntley		
road rake teeth	36.00	
Laurel Park Service Station		
Battery for tractor	21.12	
T. A. Eaton		
Insurance for tractor	103.95	
Rhea Williams		
Gas for tractor	10.80	
Raymond Akerman		
Repairs to tractor	4.00	
Robert R. Trempe		
Prestone for tractor	18.06	
		449.27
Old Age Assistance		
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	349.54	
		349.54

Town Poor

Direct relief and telephone	5.80	
		5.80

Memorial Day

Caswell Hawthorne (flags)	11.00	
Emma's Gift Shop (flags)	2.75	
Donation from Worcester Poly-technic Inst. for decorating Boynton Memorial, paid to Lillian Valyou	3.00	
		16.75

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care		
Scripture lot	200.00	
Maxwell lot	200.00	
Frank Newell		
Raking leaves, painting, labor	55.50	
A. Spear		
Removing tree, painting	16.00	
C. G. Wharff		
Cemetery maint., painting	35.25	
Robert Dresser		
Mowing	60.00	
G. Porter Washburn		
Mowing	15.00	
Orvan Elliott		
Mowing	45.00	
		626.75

Parks and Playgrounds

Richard Lord		
Trimming trees on Common	62.50	

C. G. Wharff		
Mowing	23.00	
		85.50
Regional Associations		
Monadnock Region Association	31.00	
		31.00
Taxes Bought by Town		
	301.26	
		301.26
Workmen's Insurance		
T. A. Eaton Agency	249.53	
		249.53
Interest		
Wilton National Bank		
(temp. notes)	43.33	
Wilton National Bank		
(tractor note)	51.80	
		95.13
Temporary Loans		
Wilton National Bank	5,500.00	
		5,500.00
Long Term Notes		
Wilton National Bank		
(tractor note)	1,000.00	
		1,000.00
County Tax		
County Treasurer 1952 tax	2,186.39	
		2,186.39

State Head Tax

State Treasurer

(head tax and penalties)

1951	889.35	
1952	811.93	
		1,701.28

School District

Mildred Wharff, District treas.

1951-52 appropriation	7,249.85	
1952-53 appropriation	5,370.00	
		12,619.85

Library

Gertrude Houghton, Treasurer

1951 appropriation	150.00	
1952 appropriation	175.00	
		325.00

Fees

Town Clerk, auto permits	105.00	
Tax Collector	2.50	
		107.50

Town Dump

Town of Greenville, use of dump	225.00	
		225.00

Bull Dozer Rental

18.00	
	18.00

Unclassified

Refunds (timber tax bond

returned)	95.00	
Head tax refund	5.00	
		100.00

Fire Dept.

Jackson Road Fire	165.60	
Greenville Fire Dept.	25.35	
James Bell, Fire Warden meeting	13.25	
Carl Valyou, posting and patrolling	34.60	
		238.80

Special Appropriation

Laitala's Garage (trailer)	130.00	
		130.00

Private Graveling

James Walsh	34.10	
		34.10

Collector of Internal Revenue

Withholding Tax (overpayment)	5.90	
		5.90

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Summary of Work Accomplished

Dragging:

37 miles	\$ 580.15
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Graveling and Widening:

550 cy. Gravel	1,198.43
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Cutting Brush:

20 miles	523.00
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Drainage:	517.91
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Grading and Honing:

35 miles	1,448.46
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4,267.95

Summer Roads:

Harold C. Miller, Grader, Truck and Labor	1,527.01
Alfred Spear, Labor	387.00
Eino Helstein, Truck and Labor	306.00
Rhea Williams, Truck	201.76
State of New Hampshire, (10 tons Calcium)	342.47
Clyde Eaton, Truck	18.40
Irving Spear, Labor	24.25
Toivo K. Kivimaki, Stone	10.00
Edward Elliott, Power Shovel	368.00
Roy Elliott, Gravel	46.00
Hume Pipe Company	

(72 ft. culvert pipe)	102.31	
R. C. Hazelton Company		
(72 ft. culvert pipe)	144.75	
Raymond Akerman, labor	172.00	
Elsworth Brown, labor	246.00	
Carl V. Valyou, labor	147.00	
Robert Martin, labor	225.00	
		4,267.95

Winter Roads

Harold C. Miller, truck and labor	832.00	
Rhea Williams, Truck	627.35	
Curtis V. Dunn, Labor	3.00	
Donond Witty, labor	9.00	
Elsworth Brown, labor	171.00	
Alfred Spear, labor	164.00	
Carl V. Valyou, labor	96.00	
Raymond Akerman, labor	96.00	
Oliver Ilomaki, tractor	48.00	
Harold Moore, labor	23.00	
Roy Elliott, sand	38.90	
John Kumperlain, labor	15.00	
Fred. Kumperlain, labor	31.00	
Frederick C. Dumaine, truck	18.00	
Robert LaPierre, labor	4.00	
		2,176.25

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952

By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Boynton Common School Fund

Receipts:

1952: (Interest)

Jan. 2—Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$ 25.00
Jan. 25—Mason Village Savings Bank	74.34
Apr. 1—Keene Savings Bank	61.59
July 2—Dartmouth Savings Bank	27.50
Oct. 2—Keene Savings Bank	61.59
Oct. 14—Mason Village Savings Bank	74.34

Total Receipts (Interest)	\$ 324.36
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. Payment to

Mrs. Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Jan. 2—Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$ 25.00
Feb. 7—Mason Savings Bank	74.34
Apr. 4—Keene Savings Bank	61.59
July 12—Dartmouth Savings Bank	27.50
Oct. 13—Keene Savings Bank	61.59
Oct. 20—Mason Village Savings Bank	74.34

Total Payments	\$ 324.36
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Character of Investments:

Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$ 2,000.00
Keene Savings Bank	4,106.84

Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.23
Total	<u>\$ 11,063.07</u>

Stearns Public School Bequest

Receipts

1952 (Interest)

Mar. 25—Mason Village Savings Bank	\$ 82.03
Government Bond	62.50
Oct. 14—Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03
Government Bond	62.50

Total receipts (Interest)	<u>\$ 289.06</u>
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Payments to

Mrs. Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Mar. 26—Mason Village Savings Bank	\$ 82.03
Government Bond	62.50
Oct. 14—Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03
Government Bond	62.50

Total payments	<u>\$ 289.06</u>
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Character of Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$ 5,469.36
Government Bond	5,000.00

Total	<u>\$ 10,469.36</u>
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REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Fiscal year ending December 31, 1952

B. C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Receipts:

1952

Jan. 1—Balance on hand	\$ 20.00
May 5—Selectmen—Scripture Fund	200.00
June 16—Eino Helstein, Lot. No. 10	25.00
Sept. 25—Selectmen, Maxwell Fund	200.00
Selectmen, Town Appropriated	226.75

Total receipts	\$ 671.75
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Payments:

Frank Newell, labor	\$ 73.50
C. G. Wharff, labor	35.25
Postage	.32
Deeds, locating lots	5.00
Robert Dresser, labor	60.00
G. Porter Washburn, labor	15.00
Orvan Elliott, labor	45.00
A. Spear, labor	16.00
Derby & Little, paint	21.68
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Scripture Fund	200.00
Maxwell Fund	200.00

Total payments	\$ 671.75
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Perpetual Care of Cemeteries

Receipts:

Jan. 1—Balance on hand	\$ 19.71
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Oct. 31—Trust Funds—Interest	126.19	
Total Receipts	\$	145.90

Payments:

Derby & Little, seed	\$ 2.98	
R. R. Trempe, Jr., labor	16.50	
Frank Newell, labor	7.00	
C. G. Wharff, labor	78.50	
Robert Martin, labor	4.00	
A. Spear, labor	3.00	
Total payments	\$	111.98
Balance on hand December 31, 1952		33.92
	\$	145.90

Cemetery Fund

Deposited Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	10.48
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CONRAY G. WHARFF,

ALFRED SPEAR,

Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Library continues to receive books from the State Bookmobile, which adds variety for our children especially. Adults may secure any book that they desire if they will give the title to our own Librarian. We would remind the public that all lost books must be paid for, to the State Library. We have a large number of Children's books from our own Library, and a few from the Bookmobile, which have been lost. We ask for the close cooperation of Parents in this matter.

This year, as in former years, we have been most fortunate in receiving many gifts of books and magazines from our many friends. We thank them most sincerely for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

During the year, it has been necessary to have several Librarians. To them we express our deepest appreciation for their friendly service and cooperation.

The circulation of books continues good, particularly among the School Children. We strive to obtain as many of the best new books as our budget will allow.

Due to rising prices, it has been necessary and proper that our Janitor and Librarian should receive higher salaries. By leaving the Library opened once every two weeks, during January and February, we are able to save a small amount for more new books. Any suggestions for the improvement and service of your Library will be most welcome to the Trustees and Librarian, Mrs. Gertrude Marsh.

Very respectfully submitted,

LENA B. MILLER
GERTRUDE HOUGHTON
C. W. ANDERSON
Library Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fiscal year ending December 31, 1952

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1952	\$ 33.13	
Town appropriation	150.00	
Fines	2.75	
Total Assets	\$	210.88

Expenditures:

Salaries:		
Librarian	\$ 90.50	
Janitor	7.50	
Insurance	25.00	
Books:		
Lost	2.99	
Mrs. Wildes	2.70	
Library Book House	57.40	
Magazines	6.00	
Total Expenditures	\$	192.09
Unexpended balance December 31, 1952	\$	18.79

GERTRUDE HOUGHTON

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Cemeteries, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Library Trustees, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Signed,

TOIVO KIVIMAKI

Auditor

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said district on the 13th day of March 1953, at eight o'clock
in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the
ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School
Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any
other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Commit-
tees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in re-
lation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise
and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries
of school district officials and agents, and for the payment
of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize

the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Town this third day of February, 1953.

MARGARETTA R. VOORHEES

HARRY S. SLUMAN

HAROLD C. FORREST

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARGARETTA R. VORRHEES

HARRY S. SLUMAN

HAROLD C. FORREST

School Board

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Tracy A. Eaton	March 1953
Clerk Miss Sybil M. Beatham	March 1953
Treasurer: Mrs. Mildred Wharff	June 1953
Auditor: Toivo Kivimaki	March 1953

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Harry Sluman, Secretary	March 1953
Harold Forrest	March 1954
Miss Margaretta Voorhees, Chairman	March 1955

SUPERINTENDENT

Newell J. Paire

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1952-1953

Daniel Hoyt, Principal	Grammar School
Miss Lilla Tuttle	Primary School
Miss Elsie F. Wheeler	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952-53:

January 5, 1953, to February 20	7 weeks
March 2 to April 17	7 weeks
April 28 to June 12	7 weeks
Holiday: Memorial Day, May 30, (a Saturday)	

1953-54:

School opens September 9, 1953—

Closes November 25, one session, 12:15

School opens November 30, 1953—Closes December 18

School opens January 4, 1954—Closes February 19

School opens March 1, 1954—Closes April 23

School opens May 3, 1954—Closes June 18

Holidays:

Armistice Day, November 11, one session, 12:15

Memorial Day, May 31

Teachers' Convention, October 15 and 16

Total number school weeks, 37

Total number school days, 180

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952

SUMMARY

A. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$	115.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)		180.00
3. Tax for state wide supervision		96.00
4. Salaries of other administra- tive personnel		114.48
5. Supplies and expenses		45.02

B. INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' salaries	5,013.71
7. Textbooks and other instructional aids	153.24
8. Scholars' supplies	92.92
10. Supplies and expenses	31.92

C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salary of Janitor	200.00
12. Fuel or heat	191.88
13. Water, light, supplies and expenses	106.62

D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and replacements	407.83
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E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health supervision	88.26
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16. Transportation	2,810.50
17. Tuition	1,608.50
18. Special activities and special funds	20.60
18a. School lunch	8.89

F. FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	306.24
20. Insurance, bonds and expenses	168.45

G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. Additions and improvements to buildings	446.31
23. Equipment	46.11

H. DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Principal of Debt	600.00
26. Interest on Debt	80.00

Total net payments for all purposes	\$ 12,932.48
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Cash on hand end of year June 30, 1952	758.00
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Grand total	\$13,690.48
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RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:

National School Lunch	\$ 8.89
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Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	11,249.85
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Other Sources:

Trust Funds	584.85
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All Other	179.42
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Total net receipts from all sources	<u> </u>	\$ 12,023.01
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Cash on hand beginning July 1, 1951	1,667.47
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Grand Total	<u> </u>	\$ 13,690.48
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Respectfully submitted,

MARGARETTA VOORHEES

HARRY S. SLUMAN

HAROLD FORREST

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of School District Officers:

Margaretta Voorhees, Chairman	\$ 25.00	
Harry S. Sluman, Secretary	40.00	
Harold Forrest, Member	25.00	
Mildred Wharff, Treasurer	25.00	
		\$ 115.00

2. Salary of Superintendent

(local share) 180.00

3. Tax for State wide Supervision 96.00

4. Salaries of other Administrative

Personnel 114.48

5. Supplies and other expenses 45.02

INSTRUCTION

6. Teachers' Salaries:

Daniel R. Hoyt	\$ 2,400.00	
Lilla M. Tuttle	2,300.00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	230.00	
Thelma Martin	57.50	
Washington Nat'l. Ins. and Blue Cross	26.21	
		5,013.71

7. Textbooks and Other Instructional Aids:

American Book Company	\$ 32.59	
Rand McNally Co.	28.88	
Allyn & Bacon	6.21	
Noble and Noble	1.54	
L. W. Singer Co.	22.40	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	50.70	
Ginn & Co.	4.34	
Macmillan Co.	3.96	
Row, Peterson Co.	2.62	
		153.24

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$ 8.06	
Estate of J. P. Melzer	6.00	
F. A. Owen Pub. Co.	4.00	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	5.76	
Mainco Trading Co.	2.34	
American Education Press	16.50	
Junior Scholastics	9.10	
Rand McNally Co.	4.75	
Allyn & Bacon Co.	5.28	
L. W. Singer & Co.	10.16	
Scott, Foresman Co.	8.84	
Silver Burdett Co.	1.15	
Edward Babb Co.	5.82	
Ginn & Co.	.52	
Joslin Hardware Co.	.70	
William L. Nutting, Inc.	3.94	
		92.92

10. Other Instructional Expenses:

Grolier Society, Inc.	\$ 10.50
Lynch's Sporting Equipment Co.	3.90
A. H. Rice Co.	14.65

J. L. Hammett Co.	2.87	
		31.92

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:		
Frank Newell	\$	200.00
12. Fuel	\$	191.88
13. Water, Light and Other Expenses:		
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	\$	87.36
Joslin Hardware Co.		1.91
LeRoy Robbins		13.40
Southwestern N. H. Transportation Co.		1.45
Laconia Laboratories		2.50
	\$	106.62

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
William Somero	\$	375.00
Frank Newell		12.00
Harry S. Sluman		17.00
LeRoy Robbins		3.83
	\$	407.83

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:		
Sybil Beatham, R. N.		59.52

Harlan Karr, M. D.	25.00	
Laconia Laboratories	3.74	
	<u> </u>	\$ 88.26

16. Transportation:

Alfred Spear	\$ 2,125.00	
Frank Newell	685.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,810.50

17. Tuition:

Town of Townsend, Mass.	\$ 983.50	
Appleton Academy	450.00	
City of Fitchburg, Mass.	175.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,608.50

18. Other Special Activities:

University of N. H.	\$ 4.60	
William L. Nutting, Inc.	13.00	
N. H. School Board Association.	3.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 20.60

18a. School Lunch:

Mrs. John Goldsby	\$	8.89
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FIXED CHARGES

19. Teachers' Retirement:

N. H. Teachers' Association	\$	306.24
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20. Insurance:

T. A. Eaton Insurance Agency	\$	168.45
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

22. Additions and Improvements:

Roy Elliott	\$ 75.00	
Wilton Plumbing & Heating Corp.	130.45	
Frank Newell	47.00	
C. G. Wharff	94.18	
Margaretta Voorhees	14.46	
Robert Bates	13.00	
Donald Bates	12.00	
Edward Elliot	24.00	
Harry S. Sluman	36.22	
		\$ 446.31

23. New Equipment:

Wilton School District	\$ 9.00	
Southwestern Transportation Co.	7.50	
Derby & Little Co.	3.04	
Miller Paper Co.	4.00	
Supervisory Union No. 63	5.67	
Cleary Drug Stores	1.50	
Guy Washburn	15.40	
		\$ 46.11

DEBT AND INTEREST

25. Payment of Principal on Debt	\$ 600.00
26. Payment of Interest on Debt	\$ 80.00

Total Amount Expended for All Purposes\$ 12,932.48

Respectfully submitted.

MARGARETTA VOORHEES
HARRY S. SLUMAN
HAROLD FORREST

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Mason, N. H., of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correct and properly vouched.

TOIVO KIVIMAKI

Auditor

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Cash on hand July 1, 1951 \$ 1,667.47

Received from Selectmen:

Current Appropriation	\$ 11,249.85
Received from Trust Funds	584.85
Received from all Other Sources	188.31

Total Receipts \$ 12,023.01

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year \$ 13,690.48

Less School Board Orders Paid \$ 12,932.48

Balance on hand June 30, 1952 \$ 758.00

July 14, 1952

MILDRED WHARFF

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correct in all respects.

July 23, 1952

TOIVO KIVIMAKI

Auditor

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	10	6	9						25
Grammar				11	3	5	5	4	28
									53

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Appleton Academy	2
Townsend High School	7

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness Total	Per Pupil
Primary	23.29	19.73	84.70	11	.42
Grammar	28.71	25.21	87.82	27	.94

VISITS

By School Board	76
By Superintendent	57
By Citizens	54

STATISTICS FOR FIRST EIGHTEEN WEEKS

1952-53

Census: (Ages 1 day - 18 yrs. incl.)

Boys 51; Girls 59; Total 110

Attending Mason Schools	50
Attending Appleton Academy	3
Attending Public Schools Outside District	7
Attending Private Schools Outside District	3
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	1

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	11	8	7						26
Grammar				8	9	3	2	6	28

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	23.77	20.72	87.23
Grammar	25.55	24.02	92.66

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The year of 1952 was a challenging one for the School Nurse. It seemed as soon as one communicable disease wave abated another showed signs of beginning. Measles, scarlet fever in both the Spring and Fall, and colds (which might precede any of the diseases) were a problem.

During the ten months of the school year I made ten visits to the school. In addition to the checking of communicable disease I tested the eyes of the pupils by means of the Snellon Chart. Notes were sent to those parents whose children needed attention. Home visits were made to four families.

By means of the group audiometer I ran a screening test of the pupils' hearing. Due to the fact that it is necessary to share the equipment with other School Nurses in the State it has not been possible to check the ones who showed loss of hearing as quickly as I would have liked.

The children were weighed and measured during the school year and most showed a satisfactory gain .

One child was out of school for three weeks with rheumatic fever.

I assisted Dr. Karr with his yearly examination of the children and kept records of all children as required by the State.

Defects found by Dr. Karr:

Defective teeth	15
Diseased tonsils	9
Enlarged cervical glands	2
Heart murmur	1

Respectfully submitted,

SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R. N.

School Nurse

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1951-52	Budgeted 1952-53	Estimated Budget 1953-54
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers	115.00	117.00	137.00
2. Sup't. Salary (local share)	180.00	226.80	305.44
3. Tax for state wide supervision	96.00	100.00	136.00
4. Salaries of other adm'n. personnel	114.48	163.96	214.49
5. Supplies and expenses	45.02	12.00	12.00
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,013.71	5,190.00	5,540.00
7. Textbooks & other instruc- tional aids	153.24	161.00	186.00
8. Scholars' supplies	92.92	279.10	327.10
9. Salaries of Clerical Assistants			
10. Other Instr. Expenses	31.92	24.00	24.00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Janitor	200.00	200.00	205.00
12. Fuel or heat	191.88	250.00	250.00
13. Water, light and other			

Expenses	106.62	111.00	123.00
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D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	407.83	115.00	135.00
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E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	88.26	100.00	135.00
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16. Transportation	2,810.50	2,795.00	2,830.00
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17. Tuition:			
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a. High School	1,609.50	2,625.00	2,550.00
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b. Elementary	_____	_____	_____
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18. Special Fund Activities	20.60	35.00	30.00
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18a. School Lunch	8.89		
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F. FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement	305.00	318.00	335.00
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20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	168.45	153.00	143.00
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Total Current Expenses	\$11,759.82	\$12,975.86	\$13,618.03
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G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Land and New Buildings	_____	_____	_____
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22. Additions and Improve- ments	446.55	_____	_____
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23. New Equipment	46.11	15.00	15.00
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H. DEBT, INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal	600.00	600.00	600.00
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26. Payments of Interest	80.00	70.00	70.00
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Total Amount required to
meet Sch. B'ds Budget \$12,932.48 \$13,660.86 \$14,303.03

Estimated Income of Dist.: Actual Estimated Estimated			
Balance on hand			
June 30, 1951	1,667.47	400.00	986.76
State Aid	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other estimated income	773.16	500.00	500.00
Local Taxes	11,249.85	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Total Estimated income \$13,690.48 \$ 900.00 \$1,486.76

Total Estim. Assessment required to
cover Sch. B'd's budget \$11,249.85 \$12,760.86 12,816.27
Balance June 30, 1952

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my sixth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

INSTRUCTION

Miss Lilla Tuttle and Mr. Daniel Hoyt are continuing their fine work of instruction in our school with the assistance of Miss Elsie Wheeler who is responsible for the music program.

Instrumental flutes have been added to the music program during the past year. This instrument develops in the child a sense of rhythm and a concrete desire to read notes and understand some of the technicalities of music composition. There is a sense of deep satisfaction developed in the child when he feels that he can play a musical instrument with comparative ease.

We are still carrying on a complete testing program as explained last year, with the addition of the California Test of Personality. This test is administered each year to grade five youngsters. The function of the test is to reveal the degree to which each pupil is self-adjusted and socially adjusted. The teacher is thereby aided in understanding the child and his reactions to certain situations that may arise in the classroom and on the playground. This test acts as a guide for placing the pupil in activities and situations where he will become a well-rounded and adjusted individual.

A new reporting system in the form of a revised report card was introduced this fall, which we feel affords

the teacher a more adequate device for reporting the growth and achievement of a child, than was previously used. All systems of reporting a child's progress in school, by use of a **Report Card** are necessarily limited. Thus we attempt to supplement the report card by written notes, telephone conversations, and personal conferences. We are eager to have parents consult with us so that we may arrive at common understandings and do the best work possible for your children.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

The School Nurse report reveals the details of her work. However, I do wish to comment upon the abatement of the most severe health problem with which we were confronted last year, and that was pediculosis. With the opening of school this fall, and up to the time of this writing we have been comparatively free from this disturbance. I wish to commend the parents for their cooperation in this matter.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

Our school building is in excellent shape. The work done the past few years has made it unnecessary this year to budget for any capital outlay. This past year, repairs were made to the chimney and roof of the bell tower.

The landscaping program has been continued by the setting out of appropriate shrubs and eliminating several trees that were unsightly.

Some thought should be given to the continuation of improvements to the play area in the rear of the school. I would like to call your attention to several matters that should be our concern during the next year.

A drainage problem exists as the result of overflow

from the spring at the rear of the Parsonage. The area is kept constantly wet for long periods of time because of this. Consequently, a good portion of the play area is not usable until late in the spring. If permission was granted, a drain could be installed from this spring, across the area into the woods at the far side of the playground. We have a similar drainage situation from our dry well and it could be taken care of at the same time. With this done more fill could be added, so that the play area would be raised above the water-table that exists during the wet seasons.

The School Board will soon have some definite plans for laying out an efficient play space in this limited area.

In the past we have not had to concern ourselves too much with play space because of our limited enrollments. However, a survey of anticipated enrollments based on the school census of September 1952 reveals that by 1956-57, we will have enrolled in our school approximately sixty-eight pupils. This may be compared with the enrollment in 1947 which was 27 pupils. In September 1952 we had 49 enrolled.

Thus it can be quickly seen that some consideration must be given to this problem.

STATE AID

On November 12, 1952 the Mason School Board received a check for \$986.76 for State Aid. This was largely due to our increased enrollment during the school year 1951-52. It will be noted that this sum has been included in our estimated income for the school year 1953-54.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for 1953-54 calls for an increase of \$642.17. This increase is reflected in teachers'

salaries and expenses of administration and instructional costs. However, with the income from state aid it will be noted that the assessment will increase only \$55.41.

The budget has been very carefully worked over and every effort has been made to provide the funds necessary to carry on an effective educational program in an economical manner.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Mason School Board and the citizens of Mason for their continued support and assistance the past year.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

It was gratifying to note the interest in the Town's Shade Trees as manifested by so many Townspeople requesting that specimens of their elm trees be sent to the New Hampshire State Entomologist for tests.

With the co-operation of our local Fire Warden Carl V. Valyou, we sent specimens of the following trees for analysis:

Property Owner	Location of trees:
Heald Place (Love-Joy Granite Co.)	West side of Road East side of Road
Donald F. Perry	Perking Place Home site
M. K. Chandler	Home site Old Babb Hoop Shop site
Camp Fergamak	South side of House
Morse Residence	West side of House
Misses Gish & Sowers	South side of House
C. W. Anderson	Near Barn, west of Road
H. S. Sluman	Back of Barn
Harold Weber	No.-East side of House
Mrs. Hartwell	Along Rd. So. End of Com.
Mason Grade School	Kenedy road side
C. F. Crathern	Along Townsend Road
Wildes Residence	Large tree near well
Ida Nicholson	Rear of condemned tree*
	* Condemned tree removed
Robert Anderson	Rear of house
Ingalls Place	East side of road
John Goldsby	So.-West side of road

We are happy to report that Mr. J. G. Conklin, New Hampshire State Entomologist, has informed us that all the specimens submitted to him have been tested and were found free of any trace of Dutch Elm Disease.

With the continued co-operation of our Towns-people we may determine if an infected area exists within our Town boundaries. I should recommend that we continue the combatting measures launched during 1952.

My facilities for obtaining specimens, and any tree pruning, or removal work required, are available to you by simply dropping me a card or letter.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD LORD,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Old Home Day was observed on August 9th with very fine weather encouraging a good attendance. Visitors began arriving about noon and enjoyed the opportunity to inspect the various exhibits at the Town Hall, Parsonage, School and Church and also to attend the Bazaar held by the Ladies' Aid. A concert by the Junior American Legion band from Fitchburg and a program of sports for youngsters of all ages furnished the activity for the afternoon.

In the evening an excellent buffet supper was served outdoors on the green by the Ladies' Aid and was thoroughly appreciated by everyone.

After supper and also on the green, the speaker of the day, Mr. Hugh Gregg, now our Governor, was introduced and spoke to the large gathering. A variety entertainment and dance wound up the day's activities.

The committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make this day a success and particularly wishes to acknowledge the assistance given by the members of the previous committees.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

TOIVO KIVIMAKI

C. W. Anderson

Mrs. Elsa Crathern

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REPORT OF LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE

Mason, New Hampshire
February 5th, 1953

To the Selectmen of Mason:

Relative to Civil Defense activities, I wish to report that I have received —over the phone— several “Test” calls from Peterborough, periodically, and reported back the next day giving the date, hour, etc., as required, by Post card.

We are as well organized as can be expected for a town of our size, with Police Chief and Deputies; Fire Chief, and Wardens, etc.

Our School has 3 Water (Indian) Pumps, kept in good order, and a small Co. 2 Fire Extinguisher, which the School Department bought this year. We have a rear exit at the School which is always kept clear and in good order. The School Faculty put the Children through a Fire Drill at least once a month. At one such Fire Drill we “clocked” the maneuver, and the school was completely vacated in 30 seconds.

The Fire Pumps are conveniently located for immediate use if required.

We use the telephone for communication. The School and Church bells can be used if required, for an extreme emergency. Continuous ringing of the bells will warn you that such an emergency exists.

If there is anyone who doesn't know what to do in

case of an enemy attack, Atomic, or otherwise, I would appreciate their communicating with me, and I will endeavor to provide them with the necessary information.

THERE IS NO DANGER OF PANIC, WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND PLEASE REMEMBER THAT "KNOWING WHAT TO DO" IN SUCH AN EMERGENCY MAY SAVE OUR VERY EXISTENCE.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. SLUMAN,

Civil Defense Director

Town of Mason, New Hampshire

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The only Forest Fire which occurred this year was located near the Jackson Road, and due to the immediate response of local volunteers the fire was brought under control before much damage was done. It was mostly a grass and brush fire. The area covered was about one half acre.

I would like to remind everyone residing within our town boundaries that we have a law in effect that no fires are to be permitted out of doors without a Fire Permit from this Office. This includes bonfires, or incinerators, or even out-door fire-places. **YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN A FIRE PERMIT** before lighting any such fires.

When you have cleared an area of at least 10 feet surrounding your fire-place, and have equipped your fire-place flue with the proper screening, I will then inspect your location, and if conditions permit, you will be issued such a permit.

To date we have been receiving wonderful co-operation from all our townspeople, and it is with this continued co-operation that we will prevent the devastation which has swept through so many other beautiful forest areas of our New England States.

BE FIRE CONSCIOUS! STAMP IT OUT before it grows to the proportion where it will **BURN YOU OUT.**

Respectfully submitted,

CARL V. VALYOU,

(Phone Greenville—25-12)

Fire Warden

Action Taken at 1952 Town Meeting

Article 2: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of \$10,340.80 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year as follows:

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration	250.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Vital Statistics	14.00
Town Dump	75.00
Snow Removal	2,000.00
General Expense Highway Department	500.00
Town Poor	150.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Interests	151.80
Payment on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
County Tax	2,000.00
	\$ 10,340.00

Article 3: Conray Wharff, Trustee for 3 years
Tracy Eaton, Trustee for 2 years
Charles Crathern, Trustee for 1 year

Article 4. Alfred Spear for 3 years.

Article 5: C. W. Anderson for 3 years.

Article 6: Appropriated \$175 for Library purposes.

Article 7: Appropriated \$2,000 for repairs of highways and bridges.

Article 8: Appropriated \$592 for Town Road Aid, Class V Highways.

Article 9: Appropriated \$235 for care of Cemeteries.

Article 10: Appropriated \$50 for Memorial Day purposes.

Article 11: Authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$10,000.

Article 12: Appropriated \$126 for Street Lighting.

Article 13: 2% discount to be allowed on taxes.

Article 14: Appropriated \$250 to insure employees of Town.

Article 15: Indefinitely postponed article on White Pine Blister Rust.

Article 16: Selectmen authorized to sell Real Estate bought by the Town at Tax Sale, etc.

Article 17: Regarding the sale of Real Estate indefinitely postponed.

Article 18: Indefinitely postponed action regarding a State audit.

Article 19: Article regarding Boynton gift corrected to read "6 and 16 as of January 1st of succeeding year," then adopted as read.

Article 20: Plan adopted to include employees of the Town under Social Security.

Article 21: Adopted as read regarding administration of Social Security plan.

Article 22: \$200 appropriated for construction of trailer for bulldozer.

Article 23: Selectmen authorized to consult with proper authorities and use suggested protective methods. Cost not to exceed \$300.

Article 24: \$31 appropriated for the Monadnock Region.

Article 25: Old Home Day to be observed. Toivo Kivimaki, C. W. Anderson and Mrs. Charles Crathern to be the committee.

Article 26: A medical doctor to be appointed as chairman of the Board of Health. \$50 appropriated for his services.

Article 27: Rule No. 3 and No. 4 accepted. Rule No. 5 indefinitely postponed.

Article 28: Cemetery Trustees authorized to accept donations when made.

Article 29: Accept \$200 from Ina B. Maxwell for Cemetery Lot.

Article 30: Accept \$200 from Edward Scripture for Cemetery Lot.

Article 31: Passed.

Article 32: Accepted as read.

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